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In re Application of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMMERCE WITH FULL ANONYMITY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, please consider the following comments regarding the above-identified application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 12 to page 2, line 4, with the following paragraph:

-- However, in reality, several policies and technologies exist which allow to use the benefits of electronic commerce with complete protection of privacy and even complete anonymity. For instance, protocols for anonymously buying solid goods and electronic goods have been disclosed respectively in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/129,826, filed on August 5, 1998, entitled "Method and apparatus for remote commerce with customer anonymity", by M. Shub et al., and in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/569,068 filed on May 11, 2000, entitled "Achieving Buyer-Seller Anonymity for Unsophisticated Users Under Collusion Amongst Intermediaries" by P. Dubey et al.. However, despite these advances in security, there is still a perceived lack of privacy and security in performing e-commerce by a wide majority of potential users. —